GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT AFFECTED DISTRICTS OF MAHARASHTRA
PRAKASH V. PATIL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many districts in Maharashtra have been severely affected by drought during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the farmers of drought affected areas are being encouraged to adopt lift irrigation for the purpose of irrigation;

(c) if so, whether the Government have formulated any action plan to fund lift irrigation points in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. In addition to this, the Government of Maharashtra have also taken up the construction of lift irrigation schemes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As informed by Government of Maharashtra, lift irrigation schemes are being implemented by various Irrigation Development Corporations and the funds for this purpose are raised through market borrowings.